

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition calling for core funding to reduce tuition fees.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition concerning an interchange at Highway 118.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, tabled a petition concerning the cost of post secondary education.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes, tabled a petition concerning the resurfacing of the Johnson Road.

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Pursuant to the order, Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic, tabled a petition concerning infilling of the North West Arm.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition respecting Gyasi Symonds.

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TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Speaker, tabled the annual report for the period ending January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 of the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 3192 - Hon. The Premier - remembering the victims of the tsunami.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3193 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to AIMS on its 10th anniversary and an award.

Res. No. 3194 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of the heart study in Antigonish.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 155. An Act to Amend Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1993, The Railways Act

(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)

No. 156. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, The Workers' Compensation Act

(Mr. MacKinnon - Cape Breton West)

No. 157. An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1992, The Nova Scotia Power Privatization Act

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

No. 158. An Act Respecting the Practice of Paramedicine

(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Minister of Health)

No. 159. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2002, the l'Université Sainte-Anne - Collège de l'Acadie Act

(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Education)

No. 160. An Act to Change the Name of the University College of Cape Breton and to Amend Chapter 484 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The University College of

Cape Breton Act, and Related Statutes

(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Education)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 3195 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing the Halifax Immigrant Learning Centre.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3196 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - Minister of Energy should resign to show support for striking workers.

Res. No. 3197 - Hon. The Premier - applauding those involved with the green initiative in Pictou County.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3198 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - government must review the home care assessment process.

Res. No. 3199 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - government must increase the shelter allowance under Provincial Assistance.

Res. No. 3200 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - admonishing the federal government in their attempt to eliminate opposition business.

Res. No. 3201 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - calling for repairs to Old Sambro Road and others.

Res. No. 3202 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - Minister of Education must advise how he will get students back into the classroom in Cape Breton Victoria.

Res. No. 3203 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - government should consider a graduated income tax credit program to retain youth in N.S.

Res. No. 3204 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to winners of Pictou County tourism awards.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3205 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - encouraging Nova Scotians to apply for positions on agencies, boards and commissions.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3206 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Cole Harbour-Woodside United Church.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3207 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Sidney Crosby on his success.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3208 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - supporting a province-wide breakfast program for under-nourished children.

Res. No. 3209 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Gerry Hale on receipt of an award.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3210 - Hon. Mr. Barnett, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Michael Duck and Chad Wiesner on their hard work.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3211 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Michelin Tire at Waterville on their 20 millionth tire.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3212 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Carla Benjamin.

Res. No. 3213 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Cody Harrison.

Res. No. 3214 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Cathleen Meckins.

Res. No. 3215 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Fred Jackson.

Res. No. 3216 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Crystal Siddall.

Res. No. 3217 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - thanking participants at the Memory Lane Heritage Village.

Res. No. 3218 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - commending John and Louella LeVasseur.

Res. No. 3219 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to business Excellence Awards in Shelburne County.

Res. No. 3220 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Hubert MacDonald on his volunteer service.

Res. No. 3221 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - thanking teachers and educators across the Province for their hard work and dedication.

Res. No. 3222 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognizing the Antigonish Knights of Columbus Club for their diligence.

Res. No. 3223 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to applied geomatics research groups in Lawrencetown and Middleton.

Res. No. 3224 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - wishing well those paddling from Annapolis County to Liverpool.

Res. No. 3225 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - wishing Kyle

Langille and Chris MacKenzie lots of luck at the Canada Games.

Res. No. 3226 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - wishing the N.S. Rugby team success at the Canada Games.

Res. No. 3227 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Inspiring Fitness owners Jolie Arsenault and Stephanie Simple.

Res. No. 3228 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognizing the late William Hall for his military service.

Res. No. 3229 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - commending students at Dr. Arthur Hines Elementary for their dedication.

Res. No. 3230 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - commending West Hants AA Warriors and coaches.

Res. No. 3231 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - commending the Annapolis Valley Branch of the V.O.N. and Scotiabank staff at Windsor for dedication to a walkathon.

Res. No. 3232 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Katie Knowles in attending a 4-H seminar.

Res. No. 3233 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Betty Ann Daury.

Res. No. 3234 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - thanking teachers and educators.

Res. No. 3235 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Meaghan Smart and the Kay Zinck rink.

Res. No. 3236 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Liverpool Kinsmen for 40 years of assisting the Canadian Blood Services.

Res. No. 3237 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ivan Levy for his tenacity.

Res. No. 3238 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheer Harbour - thanking teachers and educators.

Res. No. 3239 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - thanking teachers and educators.

Res. No. 3240 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - government and Minister of Education must admit to years of neglect and under-funding to school boards.

Res. No. 3241 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - Minister of Education must help resolve the strike at the Cape Breton Victoria School Board.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 3051 - Educ. - C.B.-Victoria Reg. Sch. Bd.: Lbr. Dispute - End

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Muir, Hon. Mr. Clarke, Mr. Corbett and Mr. M. MacDonald, who moved the previous question. Debate on the previous question resumed with Hon. Mr. MacIsaac. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 149. Video Lottery Terminals Moratorium Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Christie, Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Graham and Hon. Mr. Morse. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5).

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 21st at 2:00 P.M.